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Trustees Meeting

Board met in regular session Thursday, July 25, with all the members of the Board, Clerk, City Engineer, and Street Superintendent present.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved as read.

Applications of C. J. Sweitzer and D. I. Nofgeiger for the position of building, plumbing, and electric wireing inspector, read, filed, and referred to the committee of the whole Board.

President of the Board Bancroft laid before the Board the bill of Mr. Mellin, expert accountant, for expertting the books of the Tropico Water Company; 7 days at $12.50 per day, $87.50, and typewriting, $6.00, total $93.50. Bill approved and ordered paid.

The clerk informed the Board that the demurer to the complaint in the suit of the Tropico Water Company against the city of Tropico, to restrain the enforcement of the water rate ordinance for services to the city in which the foregoing charge was made, had been sustained, sending the plaintiff out of court.

Consideration of protest filed against warrant for pay of Glendale avenue postponed until Monday the 29th of July, whereupon it was ordered that when the Board adjourns it shall be to meet that time.

Clerk directed to request the Southern Pacific Railway to abate the dust nuisance arising from the use of [illegible] way for a thoroughfare lumber yard and opidence of Louis Capder-

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certain premises on [illegible] rected by the construction of a cesspool in the place of a vault with drainage, under ordinance of April 1911.

City engineer Lynch submitted estimate of cost of improvement of Eulalia street, together with map of same, which were approved, whereupon resolution of intention no. 85, to improve a portion of Eulalia street was read and adopted. Resolution published in another column.

City engineer Lynch laid before the Board a map of San Fernando road with request for information as to wishes of the Board for placing side walks and curbs, the conclusion being that side walks should extend to Park avenue only on the north and to the city limits on the south, and that J. B. Treadwell and others may have work done along their frontage by private contract, under the supervision of city street superintendent on proper application.

It was informally agreed to receive and consider application from Glendale and others to furnish the city with electric lighting.

Calvin Enoch was held to answer the charge of burglary to the Superior court of the county, by Justice Melrose on Friday of last week. With the aid of a "jimmy" a little after midnight, Thursday night, he effected an entrance to the store of the Tropico Merctanile company, at its side door on Center street. He was caught in the act by City Marshal Gould. Held until morning, he was arraigned before Judge Melrose. The evidences of his guilt were convincing against him, and he sobbingly admitted it. Allowed to go upon his honor to return at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to be dealt with according to his deserts, he was found at his father's home at a late hour, dead asleep. Again in custody of the City Marshal he was turned over to the county authorities for punishment. It is feared the boy has developed into an incorrigible, but it is trusted of not a hopeless order.

M. E. CHURCH SERVICES

S. W. Carnes, Pastor, Tropico, Cal.
Preaching 11 a. m., 7:45 p. m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Class Meeting, 12:15 p. m.
Epworth League, 6:45 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Virgil Wales, of the Tropico Pharmacy, returned from his visit to Catalina Island Saturday evening. He was well pleased with the gem and thought of buying it; but finding it stuck so fast on the heaving bosom of "old ocean" that he could not bring it home with him, concluded to leave it where it is.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Frank H. Davis is at Balboa for her summer vacation.

Virgil Wales of Baker's Tropico Pharmacy, is having a pleasant outing at Avalon.

Mr. William Wibelitz is at home again after a few weeks' sojourn at Redondo Beach.

Miss Fred Borthick, assistant principal of Tropico's grammar school, is visiting in Portland, Oregon.

Absence at the beaches and summer resorts generally is making itself felt in business circles.

There will be no more Presbyterian Sunday School for the infant classes until after the middle of September.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cook and daughter, of 1434 W. 5th St., are at Ocean Park for a few weeks' recreation.

Mrs. Louise Purnell, 139 W. 10th street, has joined the Tropico colony of rest-takers at Avalon, Catalina Island.

Gilbert L. Wilhite, formerly of Tropico, is the Socialist candidate for the Assembly in the Sixty-Fourth District.

Street Superintendent J. L. Fishback, has managed to shake himself free from the grip of a painful malady and to be again at his post.

R. L. Milligan's new home at 114 East Park, is so near completion that he expects to occupy it and enjoy the repose and comfort.

In the absence of John A. Logan, Miss Katherine Hobbs is filling the place of assistant cashier and bookkeeper of the Bank of Tropico.

Mrs. G. B. Reynolds, of Tampa, Florida, arrived in Tropico Sunday, for a two weeks' visit to her brother, Frank H. Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beyea, 1426 W. 5th St., Glendale, have taken a cottage at Redondo Beach for the summer, or until they tire of it.

Tropico's contingent of Los Angeles Y. M. C. A. workers in somewhat scattered just at present, due to the vacation season for the most part.

Mrs. Tunison is about to start a laundry, for rough dry, fine hand [illegible]tains, etc., at her home, [illegible]lendale Avenue. She [illegible] patronage.

[illegible]son of Mrs. Tilden, 121 [illegible]e, was bitten by a dog on Thursday last. Dr. Duncan dressed the wound, but as the dog is not vicious no harm of a serious nature is likely to come from it.

The "tent city" of the Seventh Day Adventists on Central avenue between Third and Fifth streets, is a rousing affair. With a population of over 3000 it will overtop Glendale.

City Attorney Baker and family have hied themselves away to the upper sources of the San Gabriel, in the high Sierras. To escape the "maddening crowd," no address is left behind.

Mr. Burt Richardson and family are summering in the Maine woods and touring the great northeast by automobile. They are due home in Tropico the latter part of September.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullis are away for their summer vacation; Mrs. Bullis at Avalon and Mr. Bullis on a trip, via Seattle and the Canadian Pacific, the great lakes and cities of the northeast.

Mrs. O. M. Carpenter has returned to her home, 114 Park Avenue, Tropico, from a ten weeks' visit in Kansas City and Leadville, glad to greet again the glories of our sunny southland.

The Sixty-first Assembly district includes precincts of East Los Angeels, Highland Park, Eagle Rock, Tropico, Glendale, La Canada, La Crescenta, Sunland, Burbank, Van Nuys, Lankershim and territory to the north limits of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Milligan, of Spokane, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Milligan, 114 E. Park Avenue, returned home last Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. are the parents of Mr. Frank Milligan.

The Burbank Electric Light & Power Company, Messrs. G. H. Deacon and Wm. Coryell, of Burbank, and F. A. Foust, a resident of Glendale, have been awarded a franchise for furnishing the city of Burbank with electric light and power.

Dr. Tholen is home from his outing at Avalon, much invigorated by his brief period of rest and relaxation. His tales of fishing exploits are strictly confidential and their veracity not the subject of close investigation as a matter of course.

Mr. John A. Logan, cashier of the Bank of Tropico, is taking his vacation at his garage in the shade of his auto car, examining its intricacies and making himself better acquainted with them, adjusting its connections and oiling its bearings.

The Lawn Social, under the auspices of the Fraternal Brotherhood, last Wednesday night, at the residence of Harry Schaffer, on Christopher Street, was a pleasing success. Games, dainty refreshments and general jollification were on the program. A neat sum for the good of the order was netted.

The machinery of the Tropico street cleaning department is of quite a complicated character, but City Clerk Street, capable as he is of conquering difficulties, managed to get the ponderous affair in motion on Saturday last, and now the San Fernando road is clean again, from curb to curb.

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The name of Miss Freda Borthick was accidentally omitted from the list of teachers in the Tropico Grammar School, printed in last week's Inter-Urban Sentinel. Miss Borthick is a standby of the schools of Tropico and the time has by no means arrived when her name should be dropped from the teacher's corps.

Fred Ungerland and his younger brother Albert, who formerly resided with their parents in this city, are in business in San Francisco, dealing in optical instruments. On his return home from a visit to his parents, now living in Whittier, Fred stopped off for a visit with friends here last Wednesday and was the over-night guest of Harry Marple.

Our informant that Dr. Thompson at Burbank and health officer of that city is looking after health conditions in Tropico in Dr. Tholen's absence, was simply mistaken; that's all. The Police and Sanitary Committee of the Board of Trustees, at the head of which is Dr. Conrad, has those matters in charge.

Formal announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Doyle, of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ella Doyle, to Mr. Albert R. Buehman of Tucson, Arizona. Since his graduation from the Michigan College of Mines, Mr. Buehman has been engaged with the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company of British Columbia. The wedding will take place in the near future.

A complete surprise was enjoyed by a number of ladies who gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brown, July 17, to celebrate the 74th birthday of Mrs. Mary O. Brown, mother of Homer Brown, the latter having come here from Des Moines, Iowa, to make her home with her son in order to gain health again. Mrs. Brown says today that Glendale climate has not only restored health but youth.

The formal announcement of Miss Ella Doyle's approaching matrimonial alliance with Albert R. Buehman, a young mining engineer of high merit, stationed at Tuscon, Arizona, elsewhere published by Miss Doyle's parents, comes as a pleaasing surprise to the yound lady's many admiring friends in this community. Miss Doyle is deserving of the choicest blessings of the life present and to come, and our fervent faith is she will not fail to receive them.

The installation of officers of Lahalla Temple of Pythian Sisters of Tropico was impressively conducted by Mrs. A. Goodrich with Mesdames McElroy and Sullivan of Purity Temple No. 2, as aides. The officers installed are Lou A. Gregory, P. C.; M. Jennie Rice, M. E. C.; Hattie Tiffany, E. S.; Claribel Van Meter, E. J.; Florence Cook, Manager; Josephine Beyea, M. of R. & C.; Susie Miller-Peck, M. of F.; Mary Collage, Protector; Anna Marek, O. G.; Elise Vance, Musician. At the conclusion of the ceremony an elaborate banquet was served in the banquet hall, by Mesdames Dutton, Collage, Tiffany and Cook, of the banquet committee.

TROPICO WATER COMPANY IS BROUGHT TO TIME.

City Attorney Baker's demurrer to the complaint of the Tropico Water company, that the city's rate-making ordinance is confiscatory and asking an order restraining its enforcement, has been sustained by Judge Conrey of Department 5 of the Superior court on the grounds that the complaint did not set forth facts sufficient to show that such rate is either confiscatory or unreasonable. The statement of receipts and disbursements for operating expenses exhibited in the petition show clearly that instead of being confiscatory the rate is income producing far above 5 per cent. At all events the ordinance which went into effect on the first day of July, 1912, is now the law of the city, and must be implicitly obeyed by the Water Company's officers. The flat minimum rate for water is $1.25 for 800 cubic feet and 8 cents for each additional 100 cubic feet per month, and an office must be maintained in Tropico for the transaction of the company's business.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Freeholders of Los Angeles County was held last Tuesday evening, July 23, in the office of the Board of Supervisors.

Senator Louis H. Roseberry presented the draft of a proposal relating to the consolidation of county and city offices of tax collector, and assessor; also draft a proposal relating to license taxes. Both of these proposals were referred to the joint committees on law and officers other than supervisors.

Mr. Evans submitted five proposals in reference to the powers and duties of the Board of Supervisors relating to appointments. The Board took under consideration the first proposal reading as follows:

(a) The Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to appoint a sheriff county clerk, treasurer, recorder, license collector, tax collector, public administrator, coroner, surveyor, and superintendent of schools, and may fix their terms of office and provide for their compensation, and may also consolidate the offices of license collector and tax collector, and likewise may consolidate the offices of coroner and public administrator.

Motions to strike out the word "sheriff" and the words, "and provide for their compensation," were made the special order for the next meeting.

A motion to strike from the first proposal the words, "and may fix their terms of office," was adopted

A motion was adopted instructing the Civil Service Committee to report at the next meeting on the proposal of a Civil Service chapter offered by Mr. Elliot H. Goodwin, secretary of the national Civil Service Reform League.

The Board adopted a resolution reading as follows:

RESOLVED, Thet the sheriff, recorder, county clerk, treasurer, public administrator and coroner, be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to, furnish for the information of this Board, any data which they may possess relating to any and all emoluments, perquisites and fees which have come into their hands during the fiscal year ending July 1st, 1912, the number of deputies appointed and employed by them and the compensation paid therefor.

President Thompson announced as a committee to redistrict the supervisorial districts the following members: Kernaghan, Dudley, Strine, Hewitt, Salyer.

The draft of a proposed section concerning roads and highways was referred to the committee on roads and highways.

Adjourned.

F. L. Edinborough,
Secretary.

REVIVING MEMORIES OF THE PAST.

On the fifth of August next, is the anniversary of one of the first battles of the Civil War, the battle of Athens, Missouri, in 1861. The veteran in charge of the arroyo part of Busch's Gardens at Pasadena, received his first lesson in the art of war and experience of the horrors of civil strife in that bloody encounter, the history of which we reserve for a future occasion. The name of that veteran is Charles P. Buckner. It was our privilege to count him among the friends of our young manhood, fifty-six years ago. In that long interim we had not met, until on Wednesday of last week we visited Busch's Gardens, not to look upon the beauties of the place, but to look into the face of a friend and recall scenes and memories of over half a century ago. After his first taste of war at Athens, Charley enlisted in the famous 7th Missouri (Black Horse) Cavalry. Carries "rebel lead" in four different places in his body, shot into it in a fight with "bushwhackers' 'on the Black Water, in Johnson county. Having sufficiently recovered from these mementoes of esteem at the hands of his confederate friends, he joined the 9th Iowa Cavalry, with which he remained to the end of the game.

While the story of his war adventures was full of surpassing interest, the stories of happenings to the boys and girls we knew in common there at the threshold of an eventful, somewhat stormy life, far surpassed it. But they belong to the sealed book of "sacred memories" upon which the curious may not look. Charley reminds us that the most of the graves in the graveyards are short ones and grass-grown, the lesson of which is that the majority of those early mates and companions have passed the crystal wall that sunders ghosts from shadow casting men.

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THOSE NOMINATING PETITIONS

Candidates for Supervisor up for nomination in this, the Fifth District are R. W. Pridham and C. E. Patterson, Republicans; Archie D. Yancey, Socialist, and E. D. Good, Democrat.

The nominating petitions for member of the lower house of Congress have been filed by five republican, two democratic and one socialist candidates, in the ninth district. The five republicans are Charles W. Bell, C. H. Windham, James McLachlan, Sloan Pitzer and C. H. Randall. The two democrats are Thomas H. Kirk and R. T. Blow. The socialist is R. L. Criswell. In the tenth district the nominating petitions of three republicans, two democrats and one socialist have been filed. The three republican candidates are William D. Stephens, Alexander Mueller and W. H. Holbaird. The two democrats are A. Kallmeyer and George Ringo. The socialist is Fred C. Wheeler.

Six nominating petitions for Assemblyman from this, 61st, district, have been filed; four for the Republican nomination, one for the Democratic and one for the Socialist. None for the New Party as yet. Of the four candidates for the republican nomination all are Progressives with the exception of Mr. Sherer who is a "stand-patter" for Taft from "away back." It is said, however, that Mr. Sherer thinks his show for beating all three of his competitors is mighty good. The candidates for the Republican nomination for the Assembly are R. W. Ready, W. A. Roberts, J. C. Sherer and J. M. Lampert. The candidate for the Socialist nomination is D. P. Noel; for the Democratic, Daniel S. Hammack.

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION
No. 85

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TROPICO DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO IMPROVE A PORTION OF EULALIA STREET.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico do resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. That the public interest and convenience require and it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, to order the following street work to be done in said City, to-wit:

First: That all that portion of the roadway of Eulalia Street from a line drawn five (5) feet Easterly from and parallel with the Easterly line of Brand Boulevard to the Westerly line of Glendale Avenue, including all intersections of alleys, be graded, tamped and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Tropico and in accordance with specifications for grading, tamping and oiling of streets on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 9.

Second: That a cement curb be constructed along each side of the roadway of said Eulalia Street from a line drawn five (5) feet Easterly from and parallel with the Easterly line of Brand Boulevard to the Westerly line of Glendale Avenue, including returns at all alley intersections (excepting along such portion of the roadway of said Eulalia Street along whicr a cement curb has already been constructed to the official line and grade) in accordance with the specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2, except that the top of the street face of all curbs shall be placed Sixteen (16) feet from the property line instead of the distance from the property line provided for in said specifications Number 2.

Third: That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along each side of said Eulalia Street from a line drawn five (5) feet Easterly from and parallel with the Easterly line of Brand Boulevard to the Westerly line of Glendale Avenue (excepting along such portions of said Eulalia Street upon which a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width has already been constructed to the official line and grade), said sidewalk to be constructed in accordance with specifications for the construction of cement sidewalks on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1.

SECTION 2. That the said Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico finds upon estimates directed to be furnished and furnished by the City Engineer of the said City of Tropico, that the total cost of said proposed work or improvement will be greater than fifty (50) cents per front foot along each line of said streets so proposed to be improved, as hereinbefore set forth, including the cost of intersection work assessable upon said frontage; and said Board of Trustees determines that serial bonds shall be issued to represent the cost of said work or improvement; said serial bonds shall be extended over a period ending nine (9) years from and after the second day of January next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum thereof shall be payable by coupon on the second day of January every year after their date until the whole is paid, and the interest shall be payable semi-annually by coupon on the second days of January and July respectively of each year, at the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California entitled, "An Act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipalities, and also for the payment of such bonds," approved February 27th, 1893, and of all acts supplementary thereto, or amendatory thereof.

SECTION 3. The Tropico Interurban Sentinel, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in said City of Tropico, is hereby designated as the newspaper in which this Resolution of Intention and notice of the passage thereof, shall be published in the manner and by the persons required by law.

SECTION 4. The Superintendent of Streets of said City of Tropico is hereby directed to post notices of the passage of this Resolution in the manner and in the form required by law, and to cause a similar notice to be published by one insertion in said newspaper in the manner required by law.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk of the said City of Tropico is hereby directed to post this Resolution of Intention conspicuously for two days on or near the Chamber Door of the Board of Trustees and to cause the same to be published by two insertions in the manner required by law, in said newspaper.

Adopted and approved this 25th day of July, 1912.

C. A. BANCROFT,
President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico.

(SEAL)

Attest: S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
City of Tropico,)ss.

I, S. M. Street, City Clerk of the City of Tropico, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, and signed by the President of said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 25th day of July, 1912, and that the same was passed by the following vote, to-wit:

Ayes: Bancroft, Conrad, Hobbs, Oliver, Webster.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

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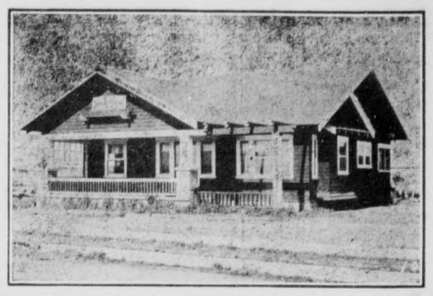

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BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS

Proportional Representation Will be Included in the City Charter if the People Want it There.

Proportional representation will be included in the charter if the people of Los Angeles want it there. To determine the sentiment of the voters the law committee of the city board of freeholders has been instructed to find a legal way, if it can, of submitting an alternative proposition to the people on the proportional representation matter. With proportional representation in the charter it will carry, but without that feature the Socialists will certainly vote against it and defeat it, was the warning issued by Fred C. Wheeler, a Socialist, who is a member of the board of freeholders. There are several forms of proportional representation but all are based on the principle that every party should have representation among elective officials according to the number of votes cast.

Franchises will be a special order of business at the meeting of the board tonight. Dr. Delos F. Wilcox, the recognized authority on franchise questions, has prepared a section for the charter dealing with franchises and this will be discussed tonight. Paul Shoup, vice president of the Pacific Electric, and W. E. Dunn, managing director of the Los Angeles railway, have been invited to give their side of the matter.

The Wilcox Recommendation

The members of the board do not agree with all the details of the franchise provision as presented by Wilcox, and especially criticize it as being too long. There are about 3000 words in the section. The plan of the board is to keep the charter as short as possible. Wilcox insists that the debt limit fixed in the charter should not include bonds issued to acquire self-sustaining utilities and that the city should have the right to acquire established utilities subject to outstanding bonds.

At the several meetings of the board during the last week matters in the charter that were only tentatively decided on before have been taken up and some changes made. One tentative proposition was that the city controller, who is to be an elective officer, should have control of the efficiency bureau. A change was made in this arrangement and instead of the controller having direct supervision over the efficiency bureau the bureau is to be composed of the members of the civil service commission and the controller. A vigorous fight was made by some of the members of the board against this change and it was only adopted by a vote of 6 to 5. A rule of the commission requires that for a proposition to be permanently decided it must be adopted by 8 affirmative votes, which is a majority of the board of 15 members.

A decisive vote of 9 to 3 made the commission one of seven members and an equally decisive vote determined that the commissioners should not be elected to different departments, but as commissioners only. The mayor will be elected as such and will assign the commissioners to their various posts after they are elected.

Civil service matters was a special order at one of the meetings. It was determined to have an independent civil service commission removable only by the consent of the entire legislative commission or by the recall. All officials and employes, except those elected, and including bureau heads, are to be selected by the legislative commission from the civil service eligible list, except as they may be exempted from civil service. An attempt was made to place the city attorney under civil service, but it was finally determined that he shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the commission.

Police judges, the city prosecutor and public defender were exempt from civil service.

Refund of taxes for alleged improper assessment is asked of the council by the Salt Lake railroad. One item is $90.71 and another $367.11. The railroad claimed operative property was assessed as non-operative. The city assessor will pass upon the merits of the demand.

Infantile Paralysis Spreads; All Sections of City are Affected

Polio-Myelitis, or infantile paralysis, is worse this week. The "polio" map shows 90 black pins, where last week there were but 58. Last week Dr. L. M. Powers, health commissioner, expressed the belief that the epidemic was diminishing, but there is no sign of abatement now and a number of cases are reported every day.

Practically every section of the city is affected. The black pins denoting the malady are thick at the edges of Vernon and along the river bed, but the disease is not confined to the poorer classes.

The section of the city between Adams and Tenth and west of Vermont is comparatively free from the disease. There are eight cases in Hollywood and six or seven in Garvanza. The extreme southwest is not badly affected.

Since June 10 there have been a total of 126 cases and 18 deaths reported to the health department.

NORMAL SITE PLANS MAY BE ENDANGERED

Legal difficulties appear to threaten the plan for the banks of Los Angeles to finance the purchase of the Normal school site, according to Councilman F. J. Whiffen, who has been the moving spirit in the matter.

"There is some question about the legal right of the city to issue certificates of debt to the banks, such as the banks require," said Whiffen. "I understand that one of the attorneys for the bankers has given a verbal opinion that the city has such power, but refuses to put the opinion in writing. Then too, there is some feeling among some of the bankers that Los Angeles should erect a new city hall and they object to the city becoming involved in another large deal until this has been done."

If the bankers finally refuse to finance the deal Whiffen says the city will fall back on the offer of the Los Angeles Investment company to purchase the property and resell it to the city on easy payments.

The only reason the offer of the Los Angeles Investment company is not accepted at once is that it will be necessary for the city to pay that company 6 per cent interest on deferred payments while the banks ask only 4 per cent. The 6 per cent asked by the Los Angeles Investment company is only the rate of interest it must itself pay for the money it borrows to make the purchase.

Steamship Company Objects to Double Assessment on Boats

Representatives of the Pacific Navigation company objected strenuously before the council, sitting as a board of equalization, to an assessment of $1,000,000 levied by Walter Mallard, city assessor, on the steamships, Harvard and Yale.

Mallard explained that he assessed the boats for $250,000 each and then added the same amount because they had escaped paying taxes entirely last year.

Representatives of the company threatened to take the boats away from Los Angeles and register them in San Diego or San Francisco, unless they were relieved from this double assessment.

The council finally agreed to take off last year's assessment and leave it at $250,000 for each boat.

THIRD TRACK PUZZLE

Instructions to move the illegal third track on Alhambra avenue to private property, were given by the council to the Southern Pacific yesterday in accordance with the recommendations of the board of public utilities. However, the streets committee intimated that if application is made for the privilege of leasing the land on which the track now exists, this question will be considered and the track allowed to remain undisturbed, provided an agreement can be reached as to the proper rental.

MUNICIPAL RAILROAD

Ciy Engineer's Figures Outrageously High, said T. E. Gibbon, late Chairman of the Transportation Committee.

"There were two contingencies that would have arisen if I had made the reports of the city engineer on the proposed municipal railway to San Pedro public at once," said T. E. Gibbon, chairman of the city's transportation committee in explaining why the Hamlin letter was not given out months ago.

"One of these contingencies was that if I had simply submitted the estimate without comment the figures were so outrageously high that it would have discouraged the idea of a municipal railroad. On the other hand if I had challenged the figures it would simply have resulted in more of the endless bickering between the harbor commission and the board of public works and its creatures, a controversy of which I was heartily tired."

City Engineer Homer Hamlin made a written report on March 24 to the municipal transportation committee in which he stated that it would cost the city approximately $2,268,551 to lay tracks, build passenger and freight stations and equip the proposed railroad from Los Angeles to the harbor. This report was kept a profound secret and the people of Los Angeles knew nothing of it until last week the Municipal News brought it to light. Since that time daily newspapers have been printing various versions of the story.

Chairman Gibbon of the transportation committee is positive in his assertion that City Engineer Homer Hamlin's estimate is too high. He said:

"Hamlin's figures are absurd. I submitted them to an engineer who had just finished building ten miles of track, similar to that we propose to construct, and he said the figures were beyond all reason.

"Why, in his first item, Hamlin estimates the cost of building 4.72 miles of track in the city's streets at $327,096, or about $65,000 a mile, which is easily 30 per cent. higher than it should be.

"In view of all these circumstances and as there did not seem to be any pressing need for the publication of the report at the time, I did not give it out."

Gibbon also asserted that the estimate of $1,500,000 to $2,000,000 for rights-of-way in the county and land for terminals in Los Angeles was altogether too high.

He stated that the options for right-of-way which were obtained by John Martin, as agent for the city, would begin to expire in two or three months. Gibbon blamed the city attorney's office for not using more haste in preparing the deeds necessary and said some of them had been in the city's legal mill for four months without action.

"If we had been able to get quicker action in the city attorney's office," said Gibbon, "we would have had the right-of-way question well along towards a settlement by this time."

OAKLAND OPPOSED TO INITIATIVE MEASURE

Though all Los Angeles sign the initiative petition for city and county consolidation, Oakland wants it thoroughly understood that she is opposed almost unanimously to the amendment, fearing that it means little more than a means to permit San Francisco to annex much trans-bay territory for exploitation in debt making.

The Oakland Chamber of Commerce, which is actively opposing the amendment, sent its secretary, A. A. Denson, with Mayor Mott, to the National Municipal League meeting as missionaries to arouse antagonism to the scheme. This is the argument of Denson against the measure:

"It is generally accepted as a principle of equity, that a decision should not be based upon an ex parte statement, and the people of Oakland believe that the citizens of Los Angeles will not commit themselves, without hearing both sides, to the project of annexation over county lines, involved in the constitutional amendment to be submitted upon the initiative of the so-called "Greater San Francisco Association." The avowed purpose of these proceedings is to give San Francisco political preeminence and commercial prestige, by taking in portions of five counties about the Bay of San Francisco, and some forty-seven cities and towns within a radius of twenty-two miles from a given center. The people of Oakland believe that a municipality of such extent, without common interest, or civic coherency, would be a menace to the state and destructive to the local initiative and self government of the cities involved.

"While this act is general in its terms, it is so drawn as to be specific in its application, providing,

"First: for annexation over county lines, not possible under the present constitution, and

"Second: facilitating the merging of municipalities within a given county.

"The first of these purposes is to aid San Francisco in its ambition to annex Oakland and the East Bay shore cities, now containing a quarter of a million people, so as to out rank Los Angeles in population and political prestige.

"The second is said to have been inserted as a bait to aid Los Angeles in its desire to consolidate with portions of the county, as one way of solving the distribution of the Owens River water.

"Whatever may be the merit of the Los Angeles proposition, the people in the East Bay Shore cities, Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda, believe that that purpose could be served by the formation of a Metropolitan water district, without a constitutional amendment such as that proposed which imperils the separate existence of California cities.

"We believe that to break down the barrier against annexation over county lines would lead to endless complications and confusion by destroying the territorial integrity of counties as the administrative units of the state government.

"It is difficult for the citizens of Alameda County to believe that any civic organization in Los Angeles County would approve of this constitutional amendment without the presentation of the arguments of those opposed, as well as those favoring the proposition.

"The Chamber of Commerce of Oakland requests that the citizens of Los Angeles reserve judgment in this matter until there is a full presentation of all the facts."

Plans for Alleys a Fire Protection are Promptly Protested

Attempting to open alleys in the city's business district to afford better fire protection and relieve traffic congestion, is proving an expensive proposition and so far absolutely no results have been accomplished, according to a report made by the city engineer to the council.

Maps and surveys were made of nine of the more important blocks, according to the report, ordinances of intention were passed and every one was protested out. The cost of starting these nine proceedings was $809.10 or an average of $89.91 for each one attempted. The engineer asks if the council wishes to make any more attempts.

The plan to open alleys in the business district was broached several months ago by the fire commission, which urged the necessity of some ready means of access to the rear of business blocks in case of fire. In every case tried, however, the cost was such that the property owners protested out the improvement.

APPROPRIATES MONEY FOR DEEPER HARBOR

Carrying with it an appropriation of $327,250 for deepening the Los Angeles outer harbor to 35 feet and $25,000 for important harbor surveys, the rivers and harbors bill passed the national senate and the house and the money will be available for harbor improvements, as soon as the bill is signed by the president. The bill also carries the exchange of the government's half moon bite out of the Huntington fill for an equal area of land adjoining the military reservation. This exchange was authorized by the voters of Los Angeles at the last direct legislation election.

According to information received by C. H. Matson, secretary of the harbor commission, from Congressman W. D. Stephens, the $25,000 appropriation will be expended in continuing the dredging between the inner and outer harbors and for surveys of Los Angeles, Long Beach and Redondo harbors and the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers. The river surveys are preliminary to a solution of the silt problem. Silt from the rivers washes into the harbor and increases the cost of maintenance.

Earl C. Anthony has petitioned the council to permit canopies to be extended to the outer edge of the sidewalk instead of only two-thirds of the distance from the building to the curb, as is now provided by ordinance. The legislation committee will consider the matter.

Ordinance Prohibits Free Lunches and Checks for Liquor

Serving lunch free with liquor prohibited.

Accepting cigar checks, or anything except cash for liquor prohibited.

Selling more than four quarts of liquor to be taken from the premises, prohibited.

These are the three important provisions of the new ordinance adopted yesterday by the council. The principal objection, however, was made on the free lunch proposition and opponents of this feature carried their fight into the council chamber and argued it at length.

Bekouski was the only member of the council to vote "no" on the adoption of the ordinance. There were seven votes for the measure. Councilman Williams was acting as mayor and he will be called upon to express his approval or disapproval when the measure comes before him for signature.

Coffee houses, hot milk depots and a municipal employment bureau, all were suggested as substitutes or remedies for the free lunch, at the meeting of the legislation committee, where a long discussion was held.

One faction of the saloon men, sausage makers, declared their business would be ruined if the ordinance was adopted.

Mrs. Catherine Pierce Wheat and Mrs. Hester T. Griffith spoke as representatives of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. Wheat suggesting municipal coffee houses and Mrs. Griffith milk depots as substitutes for the free lunch. Richard J. Culver, an attorney, represented the retail liquor men, who petitioned to have the ordinance passed. Rev. Sam Small, an evangelist, also spoke for the passage of the measure. W. A. Engle represented the central labor council, which asked that the measure be not passed.

WHY IS ARMORY DELAYED

Park Department Asks Governor Why Building Is Not Begun

Governor Johnson has been asked by the park department for information why work has not been begun on the national guard armory in Agricultural park.

Commissioner Lippincott brought the subject up at the last meeting of the park commission. He said $100,000 was appropriated in 1909, but nothing was done as the amount was deemed insufficient. In 1911 the amount was increased to $150,000. But although fifteen months have elapsed there is still no evidence that the money will be used.

Accordingly the commission sent a request to the governor for information, explaining that several hundred thousand dollars has already been spent in beautification, buildings and construction work and the city is preparing to do much more and would like the armory site improved before work on the east side of the park is begun.

AQUEDUCT PROBE STILL ON

Resignation of Two Members Does not Invalidate the Committee.

Fear that the resignations of Edward Johnson and E. S. Cobb from the aqueduct investigating board vitiated the whole ordinance governing the investigation was removed when Assistant City Attorney George E. Cryer sent an opinion to the City Auditor saying that the resignations did not affect the validity of the investigation at all. He held that the joint authority conferred on the five investigators named in the initiative measure continued so long as there is a majority of them in office, unless otherwise provided by the authority of the law itself.

The investigation continued with Joseph Simons as the first non-official witness. His testimony was to dispute the value of tufa in cement and he asserted that E. S. Cobb, one of the investigators, had told him it was poor before he (Cobb) was appointed on the investigating board.

Analyses of water by Prof. Laird J. Stabler, of the University of Southern California, were testified to by him. They were all good samples, from Owens River, with one exception, the exception being highly mineralized water from Owens Lake, from which the city draws none of its supply.

Says Errors Trivial

J. B. Lippincott, assistant engineer of the aqueduct, was examined at considerable length about the beginnings of the project and about the quality of cement. He admitted that defective work had been found and explained that this was to be expected in a work of such magnitude and where extraordinary difficulties had to be overcome and a variation in materials a constant problem. He declared that the errors were trivial and had been enlarged too much by aqueduct critics.

E. V. Harding, chief accountant of the aqueduct, was examined as to the method of keeping accounts and particularly about an illegal delivery of aqueduct cement to the Owens River Poultry Co. Harding said he did not know of this transaction, which was in the division of Engineer Van Norman.

Edward Johnson was to have been examined Tuesday, but he did not appear, being engaged in harbor matters in his new position as president of the Harbor Commission.

E. S. Cobb and Perry A. Howard were witnesses before the board today. Howard was the only subcontractor on the aqueduct having constructed the Antelope Valley division. Lippincott testified that much of his work had to be done over and that one of the causes was poor aqueduct cement. The city bore part of the cost of reconstruction, except in places where it found the fault wholly Howard's.

Because the preliminary work on the San Francisquito power house number one was delayed by reason of funds not being available at the beginning, the board of public works has decided to ask for a delay in delivery of the hydraulic machinery, there being at present no facilities for housing it.

FIND WAY TO EXTEND SAN PEDRO TO PLAZA

That San Pedro street may be opened from Aliso street to the Plaza without expense to the property owners, the board of public works has approved a plan for an exchange of a portion of the open square on the east side of Los Angeles street north of Aliso, for the land it was proposed to acquire by condemnation.

The condemnation suit, which was filed by the city attorney in the superior court, contemplates the acquiring of a strip of land through property north of Aliso street occupied by several old brick buildings.

After the action was filed, some of the property owners got together and informed the board that they would be able to effect the exchange. The property owned by the city is known as San Pedro street on the maps, although it appears as a portion of Los Angeles street. The exchange will not affect Los Angeles street but will leave it of a uniform width.

Maps of all the streets in the recently annexed territory and also a plat of the proposed salt water fire service extension on Terminal Island, will be prepared for the fire commission by the city engineer.

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THE WAY OF A MAN

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The first to speak was Grace Sheraton. Tall, thin, darker than ever, it seemed to me, and now with eyes which flickered and glittered as I had never seen them, she approached the girl who stood there shrinking. "It is Miss Meriwether? I believe I should know you," she began, holding out her hand.

"This is Miss Grace Sheraton," I said to Ellen, and stopped. Then I drew them both away from the door and from the gallery, walking to the shadows of the long row of elms which shaded the street, where we would be less observed.

For the first time in my life I saw the two together and might compare them. Without my will or wish I found my eyes resting upon Ellen. Without my will or wish, fate, nature, love, I know not what, made selection.

Ellen had not as yet spoken. "Miss Sheraton," I repeated to her finally, "is the lady to whom I am engaged to be married."

The vicious Sheraton temper broke bounds. There was more than half a sneer on my fiancee's face. "I should easily know who this lady is," she said.

Ellen, flushed, perturbed, would have returned to the gallery, but I raised my hand. Grace Sheraton went on. "An engagement is little. You and he, I am advised, lived as man and wife, forgetting that he and I were already pledged as man and wife."

"That is not true!" broke in Ellen, her voice low and even. She at least had herself in hand and would tolerate no vulgar scene.

"I could not blame either of you for denying it."

"It was Gordon Orme that told her," I said to Ellen.

She would not speak or commit herself, except to shake her head and to beat her hands softly together as I had seen her do before when in distress.

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"I did not tell you. I had and have no excuse except that I loved you. I am here now for my punishment. You two shall decide it."

At last Ellen spoke to my fiancee. "It is true," said she. "I thought myself engaged to Mr. Cowles. I did not know of you—did not know that he had deceived me too. But fortunately my father found us before it was too late."

"Let us spare ourselves details," rejoined Grace Sheraton. "He has wronged both of us."

"Yes, he has done wrong," I heard Ellen say. "Perhaps all men do. I do not want to know. Perhaps they are not always to blame. I do not want to know."

The measure of the two women was there in those words, and I felt it.

"Could you want such a man?" asked Grace Sheraton bitterly. I saw Ellen shake her head slowly. I heard her lips answer slowly. "No." she said. "Could you?"

I looked to Grace Sheraton for her answer, and as I looked I saw a strange and ghastly change come over her face. "My God!" she exclaimed, reaching out her hand against a tree trunk to steady herself. "Your leavings? No! But what is to become of me?"

"You wish him?" asked Ellen. "You are entirely free. But now, if you please, I see no reason why I should trouble you both. Please, now, I shall go."

But Grace Sheraton sprang to her side as she turned. I was amazed at her look. It was entreaty on her face, not anger! She held out her hands to Ellen, her face strangely distorted. And then I saw Ellen's face also change. She put out her hand in turn.

"There," she said, "time mends very much. Let us hope"— Then I saw her throat work oddly, and her words stop.

No man may know the speech with which women exchange thought. I saw the two pass a few paces apart, saw Grace Sheraton stoop and whisper something.

It was her last desperate resource. It won, as courage should, or at least as much as a lie may win at any time, for it was a bitter, daring, desperate, shaming lie she whispered to Ellen.

As Ellen's face turned toward me again I saw a slow, deep scorn invade it. "If I were free," she said to me, "if you were the last man on earth, I would not look at you again. You deceived me, but that was only a broken word and not a broken life! This girl—indeed she may ask what will become of her!"

"I am tired of all these riddles," I broke out, my own anger now arising and myself not caring to be made thus sport of petticoats.

"Your duty is clear," went on my new accuser, flashing out at me. "If you have a trace of manhood left, then let the marriage be at once—tomorrow. How dare you delay so long?" She choked in her own anger, humiliation, scorn—I know not what, blushed in her own shame.

Orme was right. I have always been a stupid ass. It took me moments to grasp the amazing truth, to understand the daring stroke by which Grace Sheraton had won her game. It had cost her much. I saw her standing there trembling, tearful, suffering, her eyes wet. She turned to me, waiting for me to save her or leave her damned.

I could not declare against the woman who had thus sworn against me. With horror I saw what grotesque injustice was done to me. I broke out into a horrible laughter.

I had said that I had come for my punishment, and here it was for me to take. I had told Orme that one day I would pay him for my life. Here, now, was Orme's price to be paid! If this girl had not sinned with me she had done so by reason of me. It was my fault, and a gentleman pays for his fault in one way or another. There seemed to me, I say, but one way in which I could pay, I being ever simple and slow of wit. I, John Cowles, without thinking so far as the swift consequences, must now act as the shield of the girl who stood there trembling, the girl who had confessed to her rival her own bitter sin, but who had lied as to her accomplice in her sin.

"It is true," I said, turning to Ellen. "I am guilty. I told you I deserved no mercy, and I ask none. I have not asked Miss Sheraton to release me from my engagement. I shall feel honored if she will now accept my hand. I shall be glad if she will set the date early as may be."

Night was now coming swiftly from the hills.

Ellen turned to pass back toward the door. "Your pardon!" I exclaimed to Grace Sheraton, and sprang after Ellen.

"Goodby," I said, and held out my hand to her. "Let us end all these heroics and do our best. Where is your husband? I want to congratulate him."

"My husband!" she said in wonder. "What do you mean?"

"Belknap"— I began.

"Ah," she said bitterly. "You rate me low, as low as I do you."

"But your father told me himself you two were to be married!" I broke out, surprise, wonder, dread, rebellion, now in every fiber of my body and soul.

"My father loves me dearly," she replied slowly. "But he cannot marry me until I wish. No, I am not married, and I never will be. Goodby!"

I did not see Colonel Meriwether. He passed on through to his seat in Albemarle without stopping in our valley longer than overnight. Part of the next morning I spent in writing a letter to my agents at Huntington, with the request that they should inform Colonel Meriwether at once on the business situation, since now he was in touch by mail. The alternative was offered him of taking over my father's interests through these creditors, accepting them as partners or purchasing their rights or of doing what my father had planned to do for him, which was to care individually for the joint account, and then to allot each partner a dividend interest, carrying a clear title.

All these matters I explained to my mother. Then I told her fully what had occurred at the village the night previous between Ellen Meriwether and my fiancee. She sat silent.

"In any case," I concluded, "it would suit me better if you and I could leave this place forever and begin again somewhere else."

She turned to me slowly, with a smile upon her face. "Whatever thee says," was her answer. "I shall not ask thee to try to mend what cannot be mended. Thee is like thy father," she said. "I shall not try to change thee. Go, then, thy own way. Only hear me, thee cannot mend the unmendable by such a wrongful marriage."

But I went, and under my arm I bore a certain roll of crinkled, hairy parchment.

This was on the morning of Wednesday, in November, the day following the national election in the year 1860. News traveled more slowly then, but we in our valley might expect word from Washington by noon of that day. If Lincoln won, then the south would secede. Two nations would inevitably be formed, and, if necessary, issue would be joined between them as soon as the leaders could formulate their plans for war. Our state was divided, our valley especially so, peace sentiment there being strong. Few of us there, whether Unionists or not, had much better than contempt for the uncouth man from the west, Lincoln, that most pathetic figure of our history, later loved by north and south alike as greatest of our great men. We did not know him in our valley. All of us there, Unionists or secessionists, for peace or for war, dreaded to hear of his election.

Colonel Sheraton met me at the door, his face flushed, his brow frowning. He was all politics. "Have you any news?" he demanded. "Have you heard from Leesburg, Washington?"

"Not as yet," I answered, "but there should be messages from Leesburg within the next few hours." We had no telegraph in our valley at that time.

"I have arranged with the postmaster to let us all know up here the instant he gets word," said Sheraton. "If that black abolitionist, Lincoln, wins, they're going to fire one anvil shot in the street, and we can hear it up this valley this far. If the south wins, then two anvils, as fast as they can load. So, Mr. Cowles, if we hear a single shot it is war—war, I tell you!

"But come in," he added hastily. "I keep you waiting. I am glad to see you this morning, sir. From my daughter I learn that you have returned from a somewhat successful journey—that matters seem to mend for you. We are all pleased to learn it. I offer you my hand, sir. My daughter has advised me of her decision and your own. Your conduct throughout, Mr. Cowles, has been most manly, quite above reproach. I could want no better son to join my family."

"Colonel Sheraton," I said to him, "my conduct has not been in the least above reproach, and your daughter has not told you all that she ought to have told."

A door opened at the side of the room, where a narrow stairway ran down from the second floor, and there appeared the short, stocky figure, the iron gray mane of our friend, Dr. Samuel Bond, physician for two counties thereabout, bachelor, benefactor, man of charity, despite his lancet, his quinine and his calomel.

"Ah, doctor," began Colonel Sheraton, "here is our young friend back from his travels again. I'm going to tell you now, as I think I may without much risk, that there is every hope the Cowles family will win in this legal tangle which has threatened them lately—win handsomely too. You see, Mr. Cowles," he added to me, "Dr. Bond has stopped in as he passed by for a look at my daughter. Miss Grace seems just a trifle indisposed this morning. Nothing in the least serious, of course."

We all turned again as the front door opened. Harry Sheraton entered.

"Come, son," exclaimed his father, "draw up, draw up with us. Pour us a drink around, son, for the success of our two families. You, doctor, are glad as I am—that I know."

But Dr. Bond did not seem glad. He paused, looking strangely at me and at our host. "Harry," said he, "suppose you go look in the hall for my saddle bags. I have left my medicine case."

The young man turned, but for no reason apparently, stopped at the door and presently joined us again.

"May I ask for Miss Grace this morning, doctor?" I began politely.

"Yes," interjected Colonel Sheraton. "How's the girl? She ought to be with

"Curse you!" he thundered. "Explain yourself."

us this minute—a moment like this, you know."

Dr. Bond looked at us still gravely. He turned from me to Colonel Sheraton and again to Harry Sheraton. "Harry," said he sternly, "didn't you hear me? Get out!"

We three were left alone. "Jack, I must see you a moment alone," said Dr. Bond to me.

"What's up?" demanded Colonel Sheraton. "What's the mystery? It seems to me I'm interested in everything proper here. What's wrong, doctor? Is my girl sick?"

"Yes," said the physician.

"What's wrong?"

"She needs aid," said the old wire hair slowly.

"Can you not give it, then? Isn't that your business?"

"No, sir. It belongs to another profession," said Dr. Bond dryly, taking snuff and brushing his nose with his immense red kerchief.

Colonel Sheraton looked at him for the space of a full minute, but got no further word. "Curse you," he thundered, "explain yourself or I'll make you wish you had! What do you mean?" He turned fiercely upon me. "By heaven, there's only one meaning that I can guess. You, sir, what's wrong?"

I faced him fairly now. "I am so accused by her," I answered slowly.

"What! What!" He stood as though frozen.

"I shall not lie about it. It is not necessary for me to accuse a girl of falsehood. I only say, let us have this wedding, and have it soon. I so agreed with Miss Grace last night."

The old man sprang at me, his eyes glaring about the room for a weapon. He saw it—a long knife with ivory handle and inlaid blade on the ledge where I myself had placed it when I last was there. Dr. Bond caught Colonel Sheraton and held him fast.

"Wait," I said. "Wait! Let us have it all understood plainly. Then let us take it up in any way you Sheratons prefer."

"Stop, I say!" cried the stern faced doctor, as honest a man, I think, as ever drew the breath of life. He hurled his sinewy form against Colonel Sheraton again as I released him. "That boy is lying to us both, I tell you. I say he's not to blame, and I know it. I know it, I say. I'm her physician. Listen, you, Sheraton. You shall not harm a man who has lied like this, like a gentleman, to save you and your girl!"

"Curse you both," sobbed the struggling man. "Let me go! Let me alone! Didn't I hear him—didn't you hear him admit it?" He broke free and stood panting in the center of the room, we between him and the weapon. "Harry!" he called out sharply The door burst open.

"A gun—my pistol—get me something, boy! Arm yourself. We'll kill these"—

"Harry," I called out to him in turn. "Do nothing of the sort! You'll have me to handle in this. Some things I'll endure, but not all things always. I swear I'll stand this no longer from all of you or any of you. Listen to me. Listen, I say. It is as Dr. Bond says."

So now they did listen dully.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Face to Face.

"I AM guiltless of any harm or wish of harm to any woman of this family," I went on. "Search your own hearts. Put blame where it belongs. But don't think you can crowd me or force me to do what I do not freely offer."

"It is true," said Dr. Bond. "I tell you, what he says could not by any possibility be anything else but true. He's just back home. He has been gone all summer."

Colonel Sheraton was a proud man, and one of courage. It irked him sore that revenge must wait.

"Now," said I, "I have something to add to the record. I hoped that a part of my story could be hid forever, except for Miss Grace and me alone. I have not been blameless. For that reason I was willing freely—not through force—to do what I could in the way of punishment to myself and salvation for her. But now as this thing comes up I can no longer shield her or myself, or any of you. We'll have to go to the bottom now."

I flung out on the table the roll which I had brought with me to show that morning to Grace Sheraton—the ragged hide, holding writings placed there by my hand and that of another.

"This," I said, "must be shown to you all. Colonel Sheraton, I have been very gravely at fault. I was alone for some months in the wilderness with another woman. I loved her very much. I forgot your daughter at that time because I found I loved her less. Through force of circumstances I lived with this other woman very closely for some months. We foresaw no immediate release. I loved her, and she loved me—the only time I knew what love really meant, I admit it. We made this contract of marriage between us. It was never enforced. We never were married because that contract was never signed by us both. Here it is. Examine it."

It lay there before us. I saw its words again stare up at me. I saw again the old pictures of the great mountains and the cloudless sky and the cities of peace wavering on the far horizon. I gazed once more upon that different and more happy world, when I saw, blurring before my eyes, the words, "I, John Cowles—I, Ellen Meriwether, take thee—take thee—for better, for worse—till death do us part." I saw her name, "E-l-l-e-n."

"Harry," said I, turning on him swiftly. "Your father is old. This is for you and me, I think. I shall be at your service soon."

His face paled. But that of his father was now gray, very old and gray.

"Treachery!" he murmured. "Treachery! You slighted my girl. My God, sir, she should not marry you though she died! This"— He put out his hand toward the hide scroll.

"No," I said to him. "This is mine. The record of my fault belongs to me. The question for you is only in regard to the punishment.

"We are four men here," I added presently, "and it seems to me that first of all we owe protection to the woman who needs it. Moreover, I repeat that, though her error is not mine, it was perhaps pride or sorrow or anger with me which led her to her own fault. It was Gordon Orme who told her that I was false to her and added lies about me and this other woman. It was Gordon Orme, Colonel Sheraton, I do not doubt, sir, I found him in your yard here at midnight when I last was here. And, sir, here was a light—a light. I agreed with your daughter that it was without question a light that some servant had left by chance at a window."

I wish never to hear again such a groan as broke from that old man's lips. He was sunken and broken when he put out his hand to me. "Boy," said he, "have mercy. Forgive. Can you—could you"—

"Can you yourself forgive this?" I answered, pointing to the scroll. "I admit to you I love Ellen Meriwether yet and always will. Sir, if I married your daughter, it could only be to leave her within the hour."

"Colonel Sheraton," said Dr. Bond, "it seems to me that we have no quarrel here among ourselves. We all want to do what is best done now to make amends for what has not always been best done. Mr. Cowles has given every proof we could ask—we could not ask more of any man—you have no right to ask so much. He wishes, at great cost to himself, I think, to do what he can to save your girl's happiness and honor. He admits his own fault." He looked at me, savagely shaking a finger, but went on: "As it chances, I am curious in other professions than my own sometimes—I read in the law sometimes, again in theology, literature. I wish to be an educated man so far as I may be, since a university education was denied me. Now, I say to you, from my reading in the law, a strong question arises whether the two who wrote this covenant of marriage are not at this moment man and wife! There is a definite, mutual promise, a consideration moving from each side, the same consideration in each case, the promise from each bearing the same intent and value and having the same qualifying clauses. The contract is definite—it is dated. It is evidently the record of a unanimous intent, an identical frame of mind between the two making it at that time. It is signed and sealed in full by one party, no doubt in his own hand. It is written and acknowledged by the other party in her own hand"—

"But not signed," I broke in. "See, it is not signed. She said she would sign it one letter each week—weeks and weeks—until at last this, which was only our engagement, should with the last letter make our marriage. Gentlemen," I said to them, "it was an honest contract. It was all the formality we could have, all the ceremony we could have. It was all that we could do. I stand before you promised to two women. Before God I was promised to one. I loved her. I could do no more"—

"It was enough," said Dr. Bond dryly, taking snuff. "It was a wedding."

"Impossible!" declared Colonel Sheraton.

"Not in the least," said the doctor. "It can be invalid only upon one ground. It might be urged that the marriage was not consummated. But in the courts that would be a matter of proof. Whatever our young friend here might say a court would say that consummation was very probable. I say as this stands the contract is a definite one, agreeing to do a definite thing—namely, to enter into the state of marriage. The question of the uncompleted signature does not invalidate it nor indeed come into the matter at all. It is only a question whether the signature, so far as it goes, means the identity of the Ellen Meriwether, who wrote the clause preceding it.

"Gentlemen," he went on, taking a turn, hands behind back, his big red kerchief hanging from his coat tails, "I take Mr. Cowles' word as to acts before and after this contract. I think he has shown to us that he is a gentleman. In that world, very different from this world, he acted like a gentleman. In that life he was for the time freed of the covenant of society. Now in this life, thrown again under the laws of society, he again shows to us that he is a gentleman here as much as there. We cannot reason from that world to this. I say—yes, I hope I am big enough man to say—that we cannot blame him, arguing from that world to this. We can exact of a man that he shall be a gentleman in either one of those worlds, but we cannot exact it of him to be the same gentleman in both.

"Now the question comes to which of these worlds belongs John Cowles? The court will say that this bit of hide is a wedding ceremony. Gentlemen," he smiled grimly, "we need all the professions here today—medicine, ministry and law. At least, Colonel Sheraton, I think we need legal counsel before we go on with any more weddings for this young man here."

"But there is no record of this," I said. "There is no execution in duplicate."

"No," said the doctor. "It is only a question of which world you elect." I looked at him, and he added: "It is also only a question of morals. If this record should be destroyed you would leave the other party with no proof on her side of the case.

"It is customary," he said as he turned to me, "to give the wife the wedding certificate. The law, the ministry and the profession of medicine all unite in their estimate of the relative value of marital faithfulness as between the sexes. It is the woman who needs the proof. The woman is the apple of nature's eye, and even the law knows that."

I walked to the mantel and took up the knife that lay there. I returned to the table and with a long stroke I ripped the hide in two. I threw the two pieces into the grate.

"That is my proof," said I, "that Ellen Meriwether needs no marriage certificate! I am the certificate for that and for her!"

Colonel Sheraton staggered to me, his hand trembling, outstretched. "You are free to marry my poor girl"— he began.

"It is proof also," I went on, "that I shall never see Ellen Meriwether again, any more than I shall see Grace Sheraton again after I have married her. What happens after that is not my business. It is my business, Colonel Sheraton, and yours, possibly even your son's"—I smiled at Harry—"to find Gordon Orme. I claim him first. If I do not kill him, then you—and you last, Harry, because you are least fit.

"Gentlemen, is it all agreed?" I asked. I tossed the knife back on the mantel and turned my back to it and them.

"Jack," said my old wire hair, Dr. Bond, "I pray God I may never see this done again to any man. I thank God the woman I loved died years ago. She was too good—they're all too good. I, a physician, say they are all too good. Only in that gap between them and us lies any margin which permits you to lie to yourself at the altar. To care for them—to shield them—they, the apple of the eye. That is why we men are here." He turned away, his face working.

"Is it agreed?" I asked of Colonel Sheraton sternly.

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There are four Republican nominations for the Assembly from this district (the Sixty-first) to be voted on at the September Primary, of whom the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will stand for election. To divide the Progressive vote between the three Progressive candidates is pretty certain to give the nomination to the "old liner," but we shall be satisfied if the rest are.

Of the nominating petitions for assemblyman from this (61st) assembly district is that of Jacob M. Lampert, of Glendale. Mr. Lampert is a straight Republican of the La Follette order of Progressives. He hails from Wisconsin; and, in his earnestness and enthusiasm for the success of the policies and principles of which that great statesman is the first and foremost exponent of the land and councils of the nation, foregoing the honors of graduation, left the University of Wisconsin in which he was a student to labor in their support. Mr. Lampert is prominent in the order of the Knights of Pythias, and, in warm sympathy with the country's opposition to the concentration of power and authority in the hands of the instruments of "big business" always dominating the congested districts of our big cities, will have to be counted with in the coming campaign.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Glendale has called an election for authority to issue bonds for the purchase of Verdugo Canyon water and distributing systems, understood to embrace Brand's Miradero system for $28,500; the "Walter Ransom" (Valley View) and Independent Childs Tract systems, $66,000; the Verdugo Pipe and Reservoir system, $40,000 and the Verdugo Springs system, value not estimated. This would cover all the water rights in the Verdugo Canyon except those of Tropico, North Glendale and Ross and Thom, and amount to about four-tenths of the flow of the canyon; about 80 inches, now, besides pumping plants of about 150 inches capacity when all in commission. The Walter Ransom Well near the old Glassell winery, which belongs to the Glendale Consolidated as we understand, is on the second bench of the Los Angeles river and had a capacity, when in running order, of some 100 inches. With all these sources of supply, Glendale would have at least 200 inches to depend upon.

We quote from the proceedings of the Eagle Rock board of trustees in the Sentinel of that city that Electrician Lynch of Glendale appeared before that board at its last meeting and stated that he had made "arrangements with the Eagle Rock Water Co. to put their wires on the new poles, the transfer to be made at the time of erecting the new poles. Trustee Carr moved to grant the petition as presented at last meeting, which provides for the placing of the poles on Colorado boulevard and . th the provision that Glendale will sell this city current from the high tension wire or from a low voltage wire from the main plant. Trustee Walker had some ideas on the subject. He favored 55-foot poles, and wanted a clause in the franchise making it possible, in ten years, to put wires underground; also to make Glendale liable in case of accident. These provisions were incorporated into the motion and passed as amended." It will be noted that the rate at which Glendale proposes to furnish Eagle Rock with a current of electric energy is not reported.

Quite evidently some one in California has seen and taken notice of the warning light Senator Works was instrumental in placing on the political horizon. At all events the republican organizataion of California is to be left alone and intact; and the cabal that would dominate if not destroy it are to content themselves with mild but discriminating resolutions of indorsement or commendation of this or that aspirant to high office, surely a harmless and possibly a healpful diversion. In fact, if progressive policies are to continue triumphant in California, the advocates of them must stand and act together and in harmony for them, and INSIDE the State Republican organization. There must be no phantom chasing. It is perfectly clear that there should be no more than one progressive candidate for the Assembly or for Congress, at least so long as there is an "old liner" on the ballot. It is possible there are some districts in which the vote of the progressives may be divided in two and the "old liner" beaten, but there is a risk in trying it.

Under California law the candidates for the legislature nominated at the Primary September 3, together with the Senate holdovers, will meet in party conventions at Sacramento, September 24, and respectively nominate candidates for presidential electors. The presidential preferences of the candidates for legislative nominations is therefore a question of the deepest concern to voters. If the republican candidate proposes to take his instructions from the Chicago convention rather than from the electors he is chosen to represent, it should be made perfectly clear beforehand, that such is the case.

Mrs. Ella W. Richardson and the boys of her family arrived at their Tropico home on Laurel street from Palo Alto, last Saturday morning. Their journey was made in their autocar, with Willie as chauffeur. They have been several weeks on the way, including three weeks in camp in the Yosemite. It was a grand outing, and the beauty of it is that it was without an accident or mishap of any kind. They are warmly welcomed home again.

NOTICE INVITING STREET WORK PROPOSALS.

Pursuant to Statutes, and to Resolution No. 82 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California, adopted the 18th day of July, 1912, directing this notice, the undersigned invites, and will receive at his office in the City Hall, in the Bank of Tropico building, located at the junction of Central avenue and San Fernando road in the City of Tropico, up to 7:00 o'clock P. M. of Thursday, August 1, 1912, sealed proposals or bids for the following street work to be done according to the plans and specifications posted and on file therefor adopted or herein mentioned, to-wit:

First: That all that portion of Moore avenue from the southerly prolongation across Moore avenue of the east line of Dunbarton street to the easterly line of Glendale avenue, be graded, tamped and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer, and specifications for the grading and oiling and tamping of streets on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 9.

Second: That a cement curb shall be constructed along each line of the roadway of Moore avenue from the southerly prolongation across Moore avenue of the east line of Dunbarton street to the easterly line of Glendale avenue, including returns at all street intersections, in accordance with the specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2.

Third: That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along both sides of Moore avenue from the southerly prolongation across Moore avenue of the east line of Dunbarton street to the easterly line of Glendale avenue, including returns at all street intersections, said sidewalks to be constructed according to the specifications for the construction of cement sidewalks on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being number 1.

Bidders must file with each proposal or bid a check payable to the order of the President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, certified by a responsible bank, for an amount which shall not be less than ten per cent. of the aggregate of the proposal, or a bond for the said amount, and so payable, signed by the bidder and two sureties who shall justify before any officer competent to administer oaths, for double the said amount, and over and above all statutory exemptions. In bidding, use blanks which will be furnished by the City Clerk upon application.

Tropico, California, July 23, 1912.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees, of the City of Tropico, California.

RESOLUTION NO. 82.
A resolution of the Board of Trustees ordering certain street work to be done on a portion of MOORE AVENUE.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, do resolve as follows:

Section 1—That the street work herein described is required by the public interest and convenience, and the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, hereby orders the same to be done, according to the specifications and plans adopted for said work, and under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets of said City, to-wit:

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Adopted and approved this 18th day of July, 1912.

C. A. BANCROFT,
President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico.
(Seal)
Attest: S. M. STREET, City Clerk of the City of Tropico.
State of California, City of Tropico, ss.

I, S. M. Street, City Clerk of the City of Tropico, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, and signed by the President of said Board at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 18th day of July, 1912, and that the same was passed by the following vote, to-wit:

Ayes: Bancroft, Conrad, Hobbs, Oliver and Webster.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

RESOLUTION NO. 83.
A resolution of the Board of Trustees Ordering Certain street work to be done on a portion of BRAND BOULEVARD.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico do resolve as follows:

Section 1—That the street work herein described is required by the public interest and convenience, and the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, hereby orders the same to be done, according to the specifications and plans adopted for said work, and under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets of said City, to-wit:

First: That those portions of the east roadway and of the west roadway of Brand boulevard, as said roadways are defined in paragraph second hereof, between the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico and the north line of Park avenue, including all intersections of streets (excepting such portion of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon) be graded, tamped and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 9.

Second: That from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue, a cement curb shall be constructed along the east side of the east roadway of said Brand boulevard, (including returns at all street intersections), 12 feet from the easterly line of Brand boulevard (excepting along that portion of the east line of the east roadway along which a cement curb has already been constructed to the official line and grade) and that from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue a cement curb shall be constructed along the west side of the west roadway of said Brand boulevard (including returns at all street intersections) 12 feet from the west line of said Brand boulevard, (excepting along that portion of the west line of the west roadway along which a cement curb has already been constructed to the official line and grade.)

The term "East Roadway" herein mentioned refers to that portion of Brand boulevard lying between the east line of the right-of-way of the Los Angeles Interurban railway and the east line of Brand boulevard.

The term "West Roadway" herein mentioned refers to that portion of Brand boulevard lying between the west line of the right-of-way of the Los Angeles Interurban Railway and the west line of Brand boulevard.

Third: That a cement curb be constructed upon said Brand boulevard along both sides of the right-of-way of the Los Angeles Interurban railway, and to be located twenty-one (21) feet from and parallel with the center line of said right-of-way. Said above mentioned cement curbs shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2.

Fourth: That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along the west line of Brand boulevard from the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Park avenue (excepting along such portions of said Brand boulevard upon which a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width has already been constructed to the official line and grade), said sidewalk to be constructed according to the specifications for the construction of cement sidewalks on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1.

Section 2—The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico determines that serial bonds shall be issued to represent assessments of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) or over for the cost of said work or improvement; said serial bonds shall extend over a period ending nine (9) years from and after the second day of January next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum theerof shall be payable, by coupon, on the second day of January every year after their date until the whole is paid; and the interest shall be payable semi-annually, by coupon, on the second days of January and July, respectively, of each year, at the rate of seven (7) per cent. per annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled: "An act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipalities, and also for the payment of such bonds," approved February 27, 1893, and of all acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

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Ayes: Bancroft, Conrad, Hobbs, Oliver and Webster.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

NOTICE INVITING STREET WORK PROPOSALS.

Pursuant to Statutes, and to Resolution No. 83, of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California, adopted the 18th day of July, 1912, directing this notice, the undersigned invites, and will receive at his office in the City Hall, in the Bank of Tropico building, located at the junction of Central avenue and San Fernando road in the City of Tropico, up to 7 o'clock P. M. of Thursday, August 1st, 1912, sealed proposals or bids for the following street work to be done according to the plans and specifications posted and on file therefor adopted, or herein mentioned, to-wit:

First: That those portions of the east roadway and of the west roadway of Brand boulevard, as said roadways are defined in paragraph second hereof, between the north city boundary line of the City of Tropico and the north line of Park avenue, including all intersections of streets (excepting such portion of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon) be graded, tamped and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 9.

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Ayes: Bancroft, Conrad, Hobbs, Oliver and Webster.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

NOTICE OF SALE OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH FRANCHISE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California, for a Telephone and Telegraph franchise granting the right to construct and for a period of twenty-one (21) years to maintain and operate a Telephone and Telegraph system for commercial and other purposes along the streets, alleys, lanes, highways and other public places in the City of Tropico, County of Los Angeles, State of California, together with the appurtenant rights thereto, hereinafter mentioned; and that it is proposed by said Board of Trustees to offer for sale and grant to the highest bidder, said franchise, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The grantee of said franchise, his or its successors or assigns, shall in good faith, within four months from the granting thereof, begin the work of erecting or laying telephone or telegraph wires and the erection, construction and extension of the equipment for the business to be conducted under said franchise; and shall, within three years thereafter complete the same, and all of the equipment of said system shall be built and constructed in a good and workmanlike manner and of good substantial material.

2. All poles shall be of such size, grade and material, and shall be so located and erected as to conform to the instructions and regulations of the Street Superintendent of said City of Tropico.

3. All wires and cross-arms extending over, or along any street, alley, lane, highway or public place shall be not less than twenty (20) feet above ground; and all of said wires and cross-arms used in said system shall be constructed, placed and maintained in conformity with the instructions and regulations of said Street Superintendent of the City of Tropico; and all telephone lines constructed or operated under said franchise shall have a full, metallic circuit. And all telephones supplied and furnished by any person, firm or corporation for use in telephoning by the City of Tropico or the inhabitants thereof shall be in such condition and so connected as that they shall transmit and receive words and sentences when spoken by human voice in ordinary clear tones in such a manner as that such words and sentences can be easily heard and distinguished at the receiving telephone.

4. All conduits shall be placed not less than two (2) feet under ground, shall be located and maintained so as not to interfere with the traveling public in the use of such streets, alleys, lanes, highways and other public places, nor prevent the proper authorities of said City from improving, repairing, altering, sewering or using the same for any other purpose; and all of said conduits shall be so located, constructed and maintained as to conform to the instructions, rules and regulations of said Street Superintendent of the City of Tropico; provided, however, that such telephone and telegraph system shall at all times be constructed, maintained and operated in conformity with the laws and regulations of the State of California.

5. In the event the said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, shall fail to comply with the instructions, laws and regulations of said Street Superintendent with respect to location, erection and maintenance of said poles, wires and conduits, within the time prescribed by said Street Superintendent, after the service of written notice so to do upon said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, or upon the local manager thereof, then said Street Superintendent may immediately cause said poles, wires and conduits to be made to conform to his instructions, rules and regulations, at the cost and expense of said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, the said cost, together with the penalty of twenty-five (25) per cent thereon, the grantee, his or its successors or assigns, do by the acceptance of this franchise agree to pay, upon demand, to the City of Tropico.

6. The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico shall expressly reserve the right to require said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, to remove such poles, wires and other conductors from any portion or portions, of the business part of said City, and to place said wires in conduits, when in its judgment, the public welfare shall require the same; and such changes as shall be ordered under this paragraph shall be done by the grantee, his or its successors or assigns, within such time as may be specified by said Board of Trustees.

7. The grantee of said franchise, his or its successors or assigns, shall, immediately after the commencement of the operation of the business thereunder, furnish to the City of Tropico not exceeding five (5) free telephones, to be installed at places designated by said Board of Trustees, and connected with the telephone system of said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, and shall change the location of the same when required so to do by said Board of Trustees; and shall furnish, maintain and keep the same in good repair and working order during the term of said franchise without expense or charge to the City of Tropico; provided that said telephones for City use shall only be installed as the same are ordered by the Board of Trustees for the use of the officers of said City in the transaction of their official business.

8. The grantee, his or its successors or assigns, shall, during the term of said franchise, furnish and grant to the City of Tropico the free use of the necessary pins on the top cross-arm of each of the poles erected, or the necessary space in the conduits, maintained under said franchise, for the purpose of stringing or carrying such wires as shall be needed for the use of said City for police or fire alarm purposes.

9. The grantee, his or its successors or assigns, shall not, without the consent of the City of Tropico evidenced by Ordinance, sell, transfer, assign or cease said telephone, telegraph, district messenger or burglar alarm system, or any part thereof, or any of the rights or privileges authorized or granted in said franchise; shall not at any time enter into any combination, directly or indirectly, with any person, firm or corporation, fixing the rate to be charged for telephone, telegraph, district messenger or burglar alarm service, and no officer, employee or manager of the telephone, telegraph, district messenger and burglar alarm system, authorized under this franchise, shall at the same time be in charge of, or in the employ of any other telephone, telegraph, district messenger or burglar alarm system, operating in said City.

10. The grantee, his or its successors or assigns, of said franchise, shall, during the life thereof, pay to the City of Tropico, in lawful money of the United States, two (2) per centum of the gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession thereof; and also including two (2) per centum of the gross annual receipts credited to the local exchange arising from the furnishing of telephone service or from the making of telephone connections within the City of Tropico with any telephone outside of the City of Tropico; and this franchise being in lieu of a right, franchise or privilege now being used and exercised in said City of Tropico, the payment of said percentage shall commence with the granting of this franchise, and it shall be the duty of the grantee, his or its successors and assigns to file with the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, at the expiration of one year from the date of the granting of said franchise, and at the expiration of each and every year thereafter, during the term thereof, a statement, verified by the oath of said grantee, or his successors or assigns, or by the oath of the manager, or presiding officer of said grantee, its successors or assigns, showing the total gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of said franchise, during the year next preceding, and within thirty (30) days thereafter said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, shall pay to the City Treasurer of the City of Tropico such sum as may then be due by reason of said percentage; provided that any neglect, omission or refusal by said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, to file said verified statement, or to pay said percentage at the time and in the manner hereinbefore provided, shall in itself work a forfeiture of said franchise and of all the rights of said grantee, his or its successors or assigns; and said City of Tropico, through its proper officers, agents or special employees for that purpose, shall have the right to examine the books of said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount that may be due said City on account of said franchise.

11. In said franchise the City of Tropico shall reserve the right to fix the rates to be charged for rental and other services rendered by the grantee, his or its successors or assigns, under said franchise, and the same shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees of said City of Tropico.

12. Said franchise shall not be exclusive, but the rights and privileges, or any of them, may be granted by the City of Tropico, in part or in whole, to any other person, firm or corporation.

13. That each and all of the terms, conditions and provisions of the said franchise are to be kept and performed by said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, and shall be declared therein to be conditions precedent to the continuation of the rights and privileges therein granted by said City, and the failure by the grantee, his or its successor or assigns, to keep and perform any one of said terms, provisions or conditions, by it to be kept and performed as hereinbefore set forth, and a continuation of such failure after a notice of thirty (30) days, in writing, given to it by said City of Tropico, through its proper officers, shall ipso facto terminate said franchise, and the same, with all the rights and privileges therein granted, shall be forfeited and said franchise shall thereupon be null and void.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids in writing will be received at the office of said Board of Trustees for said franchise up to 7:30 o'clock P. M. on the 5th day of September, 1912.

That the bids received will be opened at that time; that all bids must be for the payment of a stated sum in gold coin of the United States; and that the franchise will be struck off, sold and awarded to the person, firm or corporation who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, provided, only, that at the time of opening said bids, any responsible person, firm or corporation present or represented, may bid for said franchise a sum not less than ten per cent. above the highest sealed bid therefor, and that said bid so made may be raised not less than ten per cent. by any other responsible bidder, and said bidding may so continue until finally said franchise shall be struck off, sold and awarded by said Board of Trustees to the highest bidder therefor in gold coin of the United States, and provided further that the Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Each sealed bid must be accompanied with cash, or a certified check, payable to the City Treasurer of said City, for the full amount of said bid, and no sealed bid will be considered unless said cash or check is enclosed therewith; and the successful bidder must deposit at least ten per cent. of the amount of his bid with the Clerk of said City before said franchise will be struck off to him, and if he shall fail to make such deposit immediately, his bid will not be received and will be considered as void and said franchise will then and there be offered for sale to the bidder who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, subject to the same conditions as to deposit as above mentioned. Said procedure will be had until said franchise is struck off, sold and awarded to a bidder who shall make the necessary deposit of at least ten per cent. of the amount of his bid, as herein provided. Said successful bidder shall deposit with the City Clerk within twenty-four hours after the acceptance of his bid the remaining ninety per cent of the amount thereof, and in case he or it fails to do so, then the said deposit theretofore made will be forfeited, and the award of said franchise will be void, and said franchise will then and there, by said Board of Trustees, be again offered for sale to the highest bidder therefor, in the same manner and under the same restrictions as hereinbefore provided and in case said bidder fails to deposit with the City Clerk the remaining ninety per cent. of his bid within twenty-four hours after its acceptance, the award to him of said franchise will be set aside, and the deposit theretofore made by him will be forfeited and no further proceedings for the sale of said franchise will be had until the same shall be re-advertised for sale.

Notice is also hereby given that the successful bidder for said franchise must within five days after said franchise is awarded to him or it file with said Board of Trustees a bond running to said City in the penal sum of One Thousand Dollars, with at least two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by said Board of Trustees, conditioned that said bidder shall well and truly observe, fulfill and perform each and every term and condition of said franchise, and that in case of any breach of condition of said bond, the whole amount of the penal sum therein named shall be taken and deemed to be liquidated damages and shall be recoverable from the principal and sureties upon said bond. If said bond be not so filed, the award of said franchise will be set aside, and any money paid therefor will be forfeited.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico.

(SEAL) S. M. STREET,
City Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, County of Los Angeles, California.
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